

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the Application of: |) |
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| Applicant : Jeffrey A. Konecke |) |
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| Appl. No. : 09/575,429 |) |
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| Filed : May 22, 2000 |) |
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| Title : SLIDE-IN CASSETTE FOR A CUP |) |
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| TC/A.U. : 1743 |) |
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| Examiner : Lyle Alexander |) |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, to which a shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on June 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 9.